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SUBJECT: Nutritional Program

Dear Mr. Hord,

Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedule to talk with me the other day on the phone about the nutritional value of the desserts that are served at the Northport Elementary School. I appreciated your candid voice as to the motivation for the reasoning behind why desserts are offered. After our discussion I went to have lunch with my daughter and there were two observations I still believe.

1. Desserts should not be served. I will support any initiative that removes all chips, cookies and any other food item that is considered dessert.
2. I did not witness either from sales or the number of offerings of "ala carte" items (desserts) that could possibly constitute a high enough sales profit to considerably subsidize the lunch costs. Although the weakness in my observation only included lunch on a specific day and only at one school.

Not serving desserts is the right thing to do for the health of our children that attend public schools and the bottom line of a balance sheet should not be a factor in doing the right thing. I would be willing to offer my time to any committee or council that supports healthy choice food items in public schools. Once again I would like to express my appreciation for taking the time to discuss my concerns and I would like to leave you with a recent article about non-nutritious food.

Very Respectfully,
Scott Morris, 334-220-2264
Parent of a Kindergartener that attends Northport Elementary School.